



Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

Presentation to the
Joint Economic Development
Appropriations Sub- Committee
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The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs



*The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has
primary responsibility for development of
the state's interest in the areas of the
arts
history
and other cultural matters*



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Historical Society Programs

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Teams (CHAT)



Historical Society



Goals

- Connect Iowans with their heritage – where they want it, when they want it and how they want it.
- Enable Iowans of all ages and in all locations to learn the relevance and importance of Iowa's history.
- Maintain all SHSI collections in professionally appropriate conditions



Historical Society



Museum

- 78,000+ artifacts
- Free to the public
- Educational programming
- Museum theater programs
- 321 battle flags
- Preservation & conservation as well as exhibition

Eight Historic Sites

- Toolesboro Nat'l Historic Landmark
- Blood Run Nat'l Historic Landmark
- Plum Grove & Montauk governors' residences
- Edel Blacksmith Shop
- American Gothic House
- Abbie Gardner Sharp cabin
- Western Historic Trails Center

Historical Society

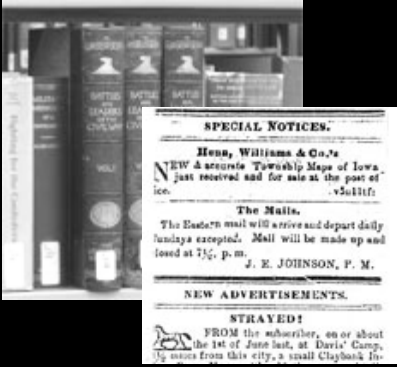


State Archives

- 50,000 cubic feet of state gov't records, including Governor & Lt. Governor records, Judicial branch records, and Legislative branch records

State Records Center

- “Temporary” storage for over 80,000 cubic feet of state agency records, in custody of the agency of origin



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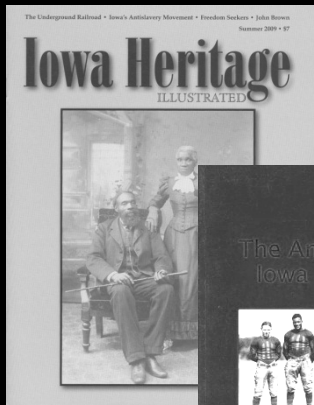


Historical Libraries

- Des Moines & Iowa City
- Over 12,000 reference questions annually
- Nearly 98,000 users of online catalogs in FY10
- Newspapers, census records, vital records, sound recordings, historic photos, books, & more

Historic Preservation

- Applications for Nat'l Register of Historic Places
- Nat'l Historic Preservation Act compliance
- Historic tax credit program
- Certified Local Governments program
- Inventory of historic properties
- Technical assistance



Historical Society



Publications

- *Annals of Iowa* continuously published since 1863
- *Iowa Heritage Illustrated* (formerly *The Palimpsest*) continuously published since 1920

Grants

- Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) - Funded through 5% of REAP. Funds projects in:
 - Museums
 - Historic Buildings and Surveys
 - Documentary/Archival Preservation
- Certified Local Governments

HRDP Grant Project Examples

African American Museum, Cedar Rapids



Archives after flood



Archives December 2010

Davis County Courthouse, Bloomfield





Iowa Arts Council



Mission Statement

*The mission of the Iowa Arts Council is to enrich life in Iowa through investment in the arts.**

Vision Statement

*The vision of the Iowa Arts Council is that the arts are essential to Iowa.**



*Mission & vision statements are drafts
– to be approved by IAC board in
March 2011



Iowa Arts Council



Investing in the arts through...

NETWORKS & RESOURCES

- Sharing best practices & fueling collaboration
- Finding & connecting workers with like interests

GRANTS

- Building artist skills & opportunities
- Bringing arts to schools & communities
- Nurturing the new, sustaining the traditional



Iowa Arts Council



Investing in the arts through...

COMMUNICATIONS

- Publishing reports & data
- Connecting with media
- Telling the stories of the arts & artists in Iowa

Great Places



The 7 Dimensions of a Great Place

A Unique Sense of Place
Engaging Experiences
A Sustainable Community & Pleasing Environment
A Rich, Diverse Social Fabric
A Vital, Creative Economy
A Strong Foundation
A Creative Culture

“In comparative analysis, the Iowa Great Places designees, on average, are outperforming their peer cities whether within Iowa or in the greater Midwest area.”

*Analysis of the Economic and Place Impacts of
the Iowa Great Places Program, 2010*

Great Places



Clinton

Coon Rapids

Sioux City

Adams County

Dubuque

Fairfield

Guttenberg

Jackson County

Mason City

Appanoose County

Charles City

Council Bluffs

Davenport

Decorah

Perry

Valley Junction of West Des Moines

Marquette/McGregor

Spencer

Warren County

West Union

Greater Cedar Valley Alliance

Iowa City/Coralville/North Liberty

Marion

Tama County

Turkey River Corridor

Villages of Van Buren County

Danish Villages

Hamilton – Webster Counties



DCA Programs



Iowa Cultural Trust

- Functions as an endowment (only interest is spent)
- Growing since 2005
- To sustain & give stability to arts, culture, & history organizations
- First grants in 2010 & 2011

DCA Grants

- IA Community Cultural Grants (ICCG): jobs for workers in cultural orgs
- Small Operating Support (SOS): crucial operating expenses for small orgs



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Thank you for your time.
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